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Docket No.: 9614/0L414-USO

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hiroshi IIZUKA et al.

Serial No.: 09/908,993

Art Unit: 1724

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For: **WATER SOFTENING DEVICE**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office

Action dated March 29, 2002 in the above-identified patent application.

The extensions of time indicated below are required and have not yet
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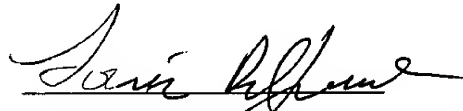
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Respectfully submitted,

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